

The Epiphany of the Lord

Gratitude

In my message of gratitude last week I failed to mention the good ladies who help with the cleaning of the church every week. Their sacrifices no doubt make all of us comfortable when we come here to worship. Our gratitude is extended to them in a special way.

Parish Finance Council

We are still in the process of forming a finance council that would assist the priest in his duties of managing the finances of the parish. Individuals who wish to volunteer their services in that regard should please contact Fr. Bernardine. Suggestions are also welcome.

Second Collection

This weekend there will be a second collection to support the work of the Justice and Peace Commission.

Day of Prayer for Peace

In Scotland the day of prayer for peace takes place on Sunday 5th Jan. 2020, Feast of the Epiphany. This year Pope Francis' message for the 53rd day of peace calls on us to reflect on "**Peace as a Journey of Hope**" this message can be found on the Vatican website and it is well worth reading - also are Pope Francis' recent statements made in Nagasaki and Hiroshima.

Bishop William Nolan, who is the President of the Bishops Conference of Scotland Justice and Peace Commission, has also written a letter in which he calls on us all to reflect on ways we can contribute to bring an end to the hatred, violence and wars that plague our societies today. Excerpts from the letter read: "Deep in the heart of every individual is a desire, a longing, a hope for peace. But it is our human failings of greed and selfishness, of pride and arrogance that lead to friction and fallouts, in our families, in our communities, and in our places of work. And when it comes to the international level and the relationship between states, those negative effects of our human weakness and our failings are multiplied leading to violence and to war, to death and to destruction.

Despite the conflicts in our homes and the wars in our world, the longing for peace lies in the heart of every human being, including in the heart of those we choose to call our enemies. But peace can only be brought

about by building up trust, for mistrust and fear increase feelings of insecurity and lead us to putting our faith in military might and weapons of war. For peace to be achieved we must overcome those baser elements of our human nature that tempt us to dominate and dictate, and to seek retaliation and revenge.

We always begin the New Year by praying for peace, but we must do more than pray, we must actively work to build up peace: to seek reconciliation in our family fallouts and in our disputes with neighbours. We must urge our politicians and governments not to base their foreign policy on a narrow sense of national self-interest, but to respond to the urge that lies in the hearts of their people for peace, and so work for harmony among the family of nations."

Crib Appeal

St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society would like to thank everyone for the continued support they receive. The donations they received from the Crib Appeal each year helps them to support adoptive families and to recruit and train new adopters for children in need of forever families.

Months Mind: Brian McCluskey,

Anniversary: Mary Cleland, Matthew Cleland, William Cleland, Thomas & Meg Dougan, Catherine Keatings, Teddy Clarke, Bernard & Catherine McCardie,

New Year Remembrance: Margaret Hendry, Tommy Hendry, Pat McGlynn, Kathleen McGlynn, Mary Anne McGlynn, Arthur McConnachie, Mary McConnachie, Katy McStay, Hugh McStay, Sandra Nimmo, All who died on Piper Alpha,

Attendance: 195, Last Week's Collection: £760

Christmas Day Collection: £1,965

Christmas Flower Collection: £366

Thank you to the parish for their generosity

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 11th Jan.	C Scullion	A M Lynn, C Dabernig, D Feeney
Sunday 12th Jan.	E Smith	J Mullen, M Nugent, P Cullion

Epiphany Proclamation 2020

Dear brothers and sisters, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return.

Through the rhythms of times and seasons let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall the year's culmination, the **Easter Triduum** of the Lord: his last supper, crucifixion, his burial, and his rising celebrated between the evening of the Ninth of April and the evening of the Eleventh of April, **Easter Sunday** being on the Twelfth day of April.

Each Easter — as on each Sunday — the Holy church makes present the great and saving deed by which Christ has for ever conquered sin and death. From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy.

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, will occur on the Twenty-sixth day of February.

The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated on Thursday, the Twenty-first day of May.

Pentecost, joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on the Thirty-first day of May.

And, this year the **First Sunday of Advent** will be on the Twenty-ninth day of November, 2020.

Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the passover of Christ in the feasts of the holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.

To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history, be endless praise, for ever and ever.

Amen



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Weekly Schedule	Time	Intention
Sunday 5th Jan.	10:00am	World Peace
Monday 6th Jan.	8:30am 9:30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mary & Matthew Cleland, William Cleland, Thomas & Meg Dougan
Tues 7th Jan.	8:30am 9:00am 9:30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Rosary Brian McCluskey
Wed 8th Jan.	8:30am 9:30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Bernard & Catherine McCardie
Thurs 9th Jan.	8:30am 9:00am 9:30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Rosary and Benediction Teddy Clarke and Catherine Keatings
Friday 10th Jan.	8:30am 9:30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament New Year Remembrance List
Saturday 11th Jan.	4:00pm 4:30pm	Holy Rosary Private Intentions

*Response to the Psalm: All nations on earth shall fall
prostrate before you, O Lord.*